IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method <u>for up-sampling a compressed bitstream</u>, comprising:

partially decoding the compressed bitstream to produce a plurality of macroblocks, each macroblock having DCT coefficients according to a predetermined dimensionality of the macroblock; and

applying a plurality of DCT filters to the DCT coefficients of each macroblock to generate a plurality of up-sampled macroblocks for each macroblock, each up-sampled macroblock including up-sampled DCT coefficients, there being one up-sampled macroblock generated by each filter, each up-sampled macroblock having the predetermined dimensionality.

- 2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the macroblock and each up-sampled macroblock has 2^N pixels up-sampled DCT coefficients arranged in rows and columns, where N is the predetermined dimensionality.
- 3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein further comprising:

 applying two DCT filters to the rows of pixels DCT coefficients of each
 macroblock to generate two horizontally arranged up-sampled macroblocks; and
 applying the two DCT filters to the columns of pixels the up-sampled DCT
 coefficients of each horizontally arranged up-sampled macroblock to generate two
 vertically arranged up-sampled blocks for each horizontally arranged up-sampled
 macroblock for a total of four up-sampled macroblocks.

- 4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein <u>pixels the up-sampled</u> <u>DCT coefficients</u> of the up-sampled macroblocks are determined by matrix multiplications.
- 5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein each filter is a form of a kxq matrix of filter taps, where k is and index of an output pixel a particular upsampled DCT coefficient and q is an index of an input pixel a particular DCT coefficient.
- 6. (Currently amended) An apparatus for up-sampling a compressed bitstream, comprising:

means for partially decoding the compressed bitstream to produce a plurality of macroblocks, each macroblock having DCT coefficients according to a predetermined dimensionality of the macroblock; and

means for applying a plurality of DCT filters to the DCT coefficients of each macroblock to generate a plurality of up-sampled macroblocks for each macroblock, each up-sampled macroblock including up-sampled DCT coefficients, there being one up-sampled macroblock generated by each filter, each up-sampled macroblock having the predetermined dimensionality.